The ICCR's Annual report which presently is a part of MEA's Annual Report is presented for review to Parliament, as also to the Standing Committee of the Ministry of External Affairs, The recommendations of the Parliament and Standing Committee are carefully adhered to.

Quality of Mineral Water

154. SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY : Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state :

(a) Whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to numerous complaints regarding the quality of 'Mineral Water' marketed by spurious agencies;

(b) Whether any standard has been fixed to ensure minimum content of specified minerals in the 'Mineral Water' available in the market;

(c) if so, the agencies through which the quality/ norms are being checked; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the action being taken by the Government to check sale of ordinary drinking water at an exhorbitant price in the name of 'Mineral Water'?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) (a) No specific complaint regarding marketing of mineral water by spurious agencies has been received from the Food Health Authorities of State/UTs administering the Prevention of Food Adulteration (PFA) Act, 1954 Rules, 1995.

(b) Standards of mineral water prescribed under the provisions of PFA Act, 1954 & Rules, do not specify any minimum limit of mineral content varies from source to source. However, the standards for mineral water as per the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rlue, 1955 are given in the attached statement.

(c) and (d) The Food (Health) Authorities of States/UTs have been requested to keep a vigil on quality or mineral water sold in the market.

Statement

[2]A.32—Mineral Water :

1. Natural Mineral Water means the mineral water obtained directly from potable natural or drilled sources like spring, artesian well, drilled well or from an underground formation and not from public water supply. It shall be free from dirt, foreign matter or any other ingredients injurious to health. It shall not be transported in bulk container for packaging or any other processing before packing.

2. Fortified mineral water means the water derived from any source of potable water which may by blended, treated/ fortified with mineral salts.

In Mineral water shall be packed in clean and sterile containers.

3. Mineral water shall also conform to the following standards namely :

Turbidity (not more than) (NTU)	5
Total dissolved solids (not more than) mg/1	1500
PH Value	6.5—8.5
Copper (Cu)—mg/1 (not more than)	1.0
Iron (as Fe)—mg/1 (not more than)	0.3
Nitrate (as NO 3)—mg/1 (not more than)	45
Residual Free Chlorine,—mg/1 (not more than)	0.2
Fluoride (as F)—mg/1 (not more than)	1.5
Mercury (as Hg)—mg/1 (not more than)	0.001
Cadmium (as Cd)—mg/1 (not more than)	0.01
Arsenic (as As)—mg/1 (not more than)	0.05
Cyanide	absent
Lead (as Pb)—mg/1 (not more than)	0.05
Mineral Oil	absent
Chromium (as Cr)—mg/1 (not more than)	0.05
Chlorides (as Cl)—mg/1(not more than)	200
Sulphates (SO_4)—mg/1 (not more than)	250
Alkalinity (as HCO_3)—mg/1 (not more than)	600
Yeast & mould count	absent
E.coli	absent
Salmonella and Shigella	absent
Clostridium Welchi, C. Botulinum	absent
Bacillus cereus	absent
Vibreo cholerae and V. Parahaemolyticus	absent

[Translation]

Conversion of DDA Flats

155. SHRI JAY SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of URABN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether DDA flats are being converted into commercial buildings by the flats owners;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether due to this illegal construction DDA Flats have lost their original shape;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?